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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN NATURAL GAS PROPOSED GAS AGGREGATION CASES

Jefferson City (August 15, 2002)---Atmos Energy Corporation, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-L&P, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., Laclede Gas Company, Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, Missouri Gas Energy and Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS have each filed a proposed natural gas aggregation tariff with the Missouri Public Service Commission. This proposed tariff would allow eligible public school districts in Missouri (eligible private schools next year) to go out on the natural gas market to purchase their gas.

Under HB 1402, passed earlier this year by the Missouri General Assembly and signed by Governor Bob Holden, eligible school districts will be allowed to aggregate their gas needs and transport gas. Under the law, all natural gas companies under PSC jurisdiction were to file a proposed aggregation tariff on or before August 1, 2002, with it to go into effect no later than November 1, 2002.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before **August 20, 2002**, with Dale Hardy Roberts, Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to:

For the Laclede Gas Company application: Michael C. Pendergast, Vice President-Associate General Counsel, Laclede Gas Company, 720 Olive Street, Room 1520, St. Louis, Missouri 63101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800.

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For the Missouri Gas Energy application: Robert J. Hack, Vice President, Pricing & Regulatory Affairs, Missouri Gas Energy, 3420 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111-2404 and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800.

For the AmerenUE application: Thomas M. Byrne, Esq., Ameren Services Company, One Ameren Plaza, 1901 Chouteau Avenue, P.O. Box 66149 (MC 1310), St. Louis, Missouri 63166-6149; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800.

For the Atmos Energy Corporation, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc. and Southern Missouri Gas Company applications: James M. Fischer, Esq., Fischer and Dority, 101 Madison Street, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800.

For the Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-L&P and Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila-MPS applications: Dean L. Cooper, Brydon, Swearingen & England P.C., P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456 and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800.

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